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SUBJ: EC FONMINS' MEETING IN DUBLIN MAY 26: "POLITICAL" DISCUSSIONS

SUMMARY: EC FONMINS MET IN DUBLIN MAY 26 BOTH AS EC COUNCIL (SEPTTEL) AND IN POLITICAL-COOPERATION FRAMEWORK. MAIN "POLITICAL" SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE CSCE AND MIDDLE EAST. THERE WERE NO MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON EITHER TOPIC, ALTHOUGH A PRESS RELEASE ON CSCE AMOUNTED TO A WARNING TO THE SOVIETS THAT JULY SUMMIT IS IN DANGER. THERE WAS ALSO BRIEF MENTION OF THE PROBLEM OF COORDINATION AT THE UN AND OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA. END SUMMARY.

1. NOEL DORR, IRISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR, AND HIS DEPUTY JOHN CAMPBELL BRIEFED US MAY 27 ON THE EC FONMINS' MEETING THE PREVIOUS DAY. DORR AND CAMPBELL COVERED ONLY THE "POLITICAL" SIDE OF THE FONMINS' TALKS, EVEN THOUGH THE COUNCIL MEETING DISCUSSED PORTUGAL, WHICH WOULD SEEM A VERY POLITICAL SUBJECT TO MOST OUTSIDERS. ABSTRUSE AS THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN TREATY AND POLITICAL MATTERS, IT IS IMPORTANT WITHIN THE EC; AND THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE STAFFS INVOLVED EVEN IN THE TINY IRISH FOREIGN OFFICE. IN THE CASE OF THE MAY 26 MEETING, THE EFFECT OF DISCUSSING BOTH AREAS ON THE SAME DAY WAS TO PUSH POLITICAL BUSINESS ALMOST OFF THE END OF THE AGENDA.

2. CSCE: MAIN POLITICAL BUSINESS WAS WORKING OUT THE TERMS OF A FUZZY PRESS RELEASE (SUMMARIZED IN DUBLIN 928). INTENTION WAS TO GIVE SOVIETS A WARNING THAT THEY WILL HAVE LOST THEIR JULY WIND-UP UNLESS THEY ARE WILLING TO MAKE REAL PROGRESS RIGHT AWAY ON THE ISSUES STILL OUTSTANDING. EUROPEANS ARE DETERMINED NOT TO CAVE UNDER THE SUSPENSEFUL ATMOSPHERE CREATED BY THE SOVIETS.

3. STILL ON THE CSCE, MINISTERS REVIEWED THE OUTSTANDING AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT VERY BRIEFLY, THEN DECIDED ON A PROPOSAL FOR ASSOCIATING THE EC AS A BODY WITH THE FINAL SIGNING. THE EC COUNTRY HOLDING THE PRESIDENCY (PRESUMABLY THE ITALIANS) WOULD SIGN THE FINAL DOCUMENT BOTH IN ITS NATIONAL AND EC CAPACITY, AT THE SAME TIME MAKING A DECLARATION SIMILAR TO THAT MADE IN HELSINKI AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST PHASE.

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RM MIDDLE EAST: OVER LUNCH, FONMIN FITZGERALD BRIEFED HIS COLLEAGUES ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO CAIRO, AMMAN, BEIRUT, AND DAMASCUS. SUBSTANCE HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED FROM DUBLIN AND BRUSSELS. IN ALL FOUR CAPITALS, ARAB OFFICIALS DEPLORED THE TIMING OF THE EC TRADE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL AND ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ITS APPLICATION TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE ARABS DID NOT SAY MUCH ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, AND DID NOT CONSIDER THAT IT SHOULD BLOCK THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. FITZGERALD RECOGNIZES

THAT HE DID NOT VISIT ALL OF THE RADICAL CAPITALS, BUT HE CLEARLY
HOPES THE DIALOGUE WILL STILL START ON SCHEDULE JUNE 10.

5. WHEN WE ASKED, DORR SAID THAT FITZGERALD HAD NOT MADE ANY
SECRET TO THE ARABS OF HIS PLANS TO VISIT TEL AVIV JUNE 11. HE
HOPES THE VISIT WILL NOT DISRUPT THE BEGINNING OF THE EURO-ARAB
DIALOGUE AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

6. THE DISCUSSION OF UN TACTICS CAME AT THE END OF THE DAY, AND
MINISTERS DID NOT GET INTO SUBSTANCE. THEY RECOGNIZE THE
IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT, HOWEVER, AND WILL PROBABLY RETURN
TO IT ON THE MARGINS OF SOME COUNCIL MEETING SOON. WHEN WE ASKED,
DORR SAID THAT HE THINKS MOST MINISTERS ARE AWARE OF THE NEED TO
STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE US ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT EC DISCUSSIONS
HAVE NOT YET PRODUCED ENOUGH TO CONSULT UPON. (COMMENT: WE SUSPECT
THAT THERE MAY BE AT LEAST AS MUCH DIFFICULTY COORDINATING
WITHIN THE EC AS WITH THE US.)

7. CHINA: AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, SOAMES GOT
THE FLOOR TO SUGGEST THAT THE NEXT EC SUMMIT MIGHT WISH TO TAKE
NOTE OF THE STATE OF EC/CHINA RELATIONS.

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